

REMARKS

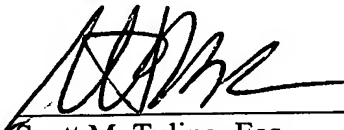
In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (e.g., drawn to methods of thermally treating a magnetic layer of a wafer comprising applying at least one local magnetic field to the magnetic layer), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the opportunity to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected invention later.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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